

**Chambers of Judge Stephen J. Swift**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8731

**Stephen J. Swift**  
Judge

Date of Birth: September 7, 1943  
Education: Brigham Young 1967 BS; George Washington 1970 JD  
Began Service: 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Term Expires: 2014  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Graduate Tax Program, University of Baltimore

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Graduate Tax Program, Golden Gate University (1976-1983)

**Corporate:** Vice President and Senior Tax Counsel, Bank of America NT & SA (1977-1983)

**Government:** Trial Attorney, Honors Program, Tax Division, Department of Justice (1970-1974); Assistant United States Attorney, Tax Division, Department of Justice (1974-1977)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; California Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Nancy J. Lee** ..... (202) 606-8731  
Education: San Diego 2001 JD, 2003 LLM  
Confidential Assistant **Diane Groves** ..... (202) 606-8731

**Chambers of Judge Michael B. Thornton**

400 Second Street, NW, Room 416, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8754

**Michael B. Thornton**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Southern Mississippi 1976 BS, 1977 MS; Tennessee 1979 MA; Duke 1982 JD  
Began Service: March 9, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: 2013

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles Clark, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1983-1984)

**Government:** Tax Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means, United States House of Representatives (1988-1995); Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury (1995-1998)

**Legal Practice:** Miller & Chevalier (1985-1988); Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan (1982-1983)

**Staff**

Attorney-Advisor **Jonathan Babu** ..... (202) 606-8711  
Education: Georgetown 2004 LLM  
Attorney-Advisor **Timothy Jacobs** ..... (202) 606-8711  
Education: NYU JD  
Secretary **Gay L. Rodey** ..... (202) 606-8711

**Chambers of Judge Juan F. Vasquez**

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**Juan F. Vasquez**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Texas 1972 BBA; Houston 1977 JD; NYU 1978 LLM  
Began Service: 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: 2010  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Corporate:** Accountant, Coopers & Lybrand (1972-1974)

**Government:** Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service (1978-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Leighton, Hood & Vasquez (1982-1985); Leighton & Vasquez (1985-1987); Juan F. Vasquez, PC (1987-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association, Tax Section; College of State Bar of Texas; Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Hispanic National Bar Association; MABA, Texas & San Antonio Chapters; National Judicial College; San Antonio Bar; San Antonio Bar Foundation, Fellow; Texas State Bar; Texas State Bar Foundation, Fellow

**Staff**

Attorney-Advisor **Dave Rifkin** ..... (202) 606-8986  
Education: Washington U 1993 AB; Fordham 1996 JD; NYU 1997 LLM  
Attorney-Advisor **Daniel J. White** ..... (202) 606-8986  
Education: Northwestern 1999 BA; Cincinnati 2003 JD; NYU 2004 LLM  
Secretary **Margaret Taber** ..... (202) 606-8986

**Chambers of Judge Thomas B. Wells**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8840

**Thomas B. Wells**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Miami 1967 BS; Emory 1973 JD; NYU 1978 LLM  
Began Service: October 13, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Term Expires: July 2, 2015

**Government:** County Attorney, Toombs County (1973-1977); City Attorney, City of Vidalia (1973-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Graham & Wells (1973-1977); Hurt, Richardson, Garner, Todd & Cadenhead (1978-1981); Partner, Shearer & Wells (1981-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1970); United States Naval Reserve (1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Georgia Bar Association

**Staff**

Secretary **Jo Brett** ..... (202) 606-8840

**Chambers of Judge Robert A. Wherry, Jr.**

400 Second Street, NW, Room 413, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8828  
E-mail: jwherry@ustaxcourt.gov

**Robert A. Wherry, Jr.**  
Judge

Date of Birth: April 7, 1944  
Education: Ohio State 1966 BS, 1969 JD; NYU 1972 LLM  
Began Service: April 23, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Term Expires: April 2018

**Corporate:** Vice President and Secretary, Lentz, Evans & King PC

**Government:** Inheritance Tax Auditor, Office of the Attorney General, State of Colorado

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Andrea Blake** ..... (202) 606-8828  
Education: Gonzaga 1999 JD  
Law Clerk **Cathy Fung** ..... (202) 606-8828  
Education: UCLA 1995 BA; North Carolina 2003 JD; NYU 2004 LLM

**Chambers of Judge John O. Colvin**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8834

**John O. Colvin**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Missouri 1968 AB; Georgetown 1971 JD, 1978 LLM  
Began Service: 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Office of the Chief Counsel, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation (1971-1975); Tax Counsel to Senator Bob Packwood (1975-1984); Chief Counsel, Finance Committee, United States Senate (1985-1987); Chief Minority Counsel, Finance Committee, United States Senate (1987-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Glenn Hirabayashi** ..... (202) 606-8834  
Education: West Point 1969 BS; Southwestern 1980 JD; Georgetown 1987 LLM  
Law Clerk **Ellen Ruggieri** ..... (202) 606-8834  
Education: Georgetown 1980 BA; George Washington 1983 JD; Georgetown 1987 LLM  
Secretary **Betty Scott Boom** ..... (202) 606-8834  
Education: High Point 1973 BA

**Chambers of Senior Judge Renato Beghe**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8808 Fax: (202) 606-8815

**Renato Beghe**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Chicago 1951 AB, 1954 JD  
Began Service: March 26, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn (1954-1965); Partner, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn (1965-1983); Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius (1983-1989)

**Chambers of Senior Judge Renato Beghe** *continued*

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Tax Counsel; American Law Institute; Association of the Bar of the City of New York; International Bar Association; International Fiscal Association; New York State Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Arthur T. Catterall** ..... (202) 606-8808  
Education: Texas 1989 JD; Georgetown 2002 LLM  
Confidential Assistant **Mary P. Crutchfield** ..... (202) 606-8808

**Chambers of Senior Judge Herbert L. Chabot**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 606-8930

**Herbert L. Chabot**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: CCNY 1952 BA; Columbia 1957 LLB; Georgetown 1964 LLM  
Began Service: April 3, 1978  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, George Washington University (1974-1984)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Russell E. Train, United States Tax Court (1961-1965)

**Government:** Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation, Congress of the United States (1965-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955); United States Army Reserve (1955-1963)

**Nonprofit:** Legal Staff, American Jewish Congress (1957-1961)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

**Staff**

Attorney-Advisor **Michael M. Lawlor** ..... (202) 606-8930  
Education: Montana 2002 JD; U Washington 2004 LLM  
Confidential Assistant **Mary Ann Bivens** ..... (202) 606-8930

**Chambers of Senior Judge Howard A. Dawson, Jr.**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
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**Howard A. Dawson, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1922  
Education: North Carolina 1946 BS; George Washington 1949 JD  
Began Service: August 21, 1962  
Appointed By: President John F. Kennedy  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** David L. Brennan Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, University of Akron (1986); Director, Tax Graduate Program and Professor, University of Baltimore, School of Law (1986-1989); Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, University of San Diego (1991)

**Government:** Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Civil Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury (1950-1953); Civil Advisory Counsel, Atlanta District Office, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury (1953-1957); Regional Counsel, Atlanta Region, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury (1958); Personal Assistant to the Chief Counsel and Assistant Chief Counsel (Administration), Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury (1958-1962)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1949-1950)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1945); Captain, United States Army Reserve

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